

# **Recycling information line**

## **History**

Since 1976, information from this database has been available by calling

1-800-RECYCLE, the state's toll-free recycling hotline.

## **What we do**

We list buy backs, drop sites, and pick-up services for recyclable materials.

We also list household hazardous waste collection sites or events available to households only. If businesses call for assistance in managing their hazardous wastes, we will refer them to local government SQG (small quantity generator) or MRW (moderate risk waste) coordinators.

## **What we don't do**

We do not maintain lists of vendors of recycled products, reusable materials or recycling equipment. To the extent that we can, we will suggest some possibilities to callers.

We do not maintain any record of the prices offered by recycling services.

Among similar service services available in a caller's geographical area, we do not recommend one service over another.

We do not maintain information on what you can do with your rubbish; we only have information on recycling services.

# **Information database**

The Washington State Department of Ecology maintains a database of recycling opportunities available in Washington State.

The database contains information provided by the organizations that operate recycling sites and services in Washington State.

## **Updates**

Every six months to a year, Ecology staff contact those organizations to update their information. Alternatively, if you would like your recycling services information updated, please review your listing on the on-line database and call 1-800-Recycle or e-mail updates to the Outreach Office at [jbil461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jbil461@ecy.wa.gov).

## **Limitations**

The services provided at last report are subject to change (due to fluctuating markets, political developments, or other causes). We therefore advise you to call a firm or agency directly before transporting anything to a location.

## **Who should use the database?**

### **Household recycling**

The database lists services available to private households. In many cases, these services would not be available to businesses.

## **Residence requirements**

In cases where a service is funded by a local government agency, use of the service might be limited to only those households located within that particular county or city. This is particularly true of the household hazardous waste (HHW) sites listed in the database. Not only will they turn business waste away, but in almost all cases they will also turn away residents of other counties.

## **How can you use the database?**

### **By telephone**

You can dial 1-800-RECYCLE and talk to a real person, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (closed for lunch, noon to 1p.m.) Monday through Friday (except holidays).

### **On-line**

You can search Ecology's recycling database directly on the Internet and use it to locate sites or services that recycle or safely dispose of household wastes.

### **On-line Results**

You will find more details about particular services as you search out sites in the database. If you still need more details, phone numbers will be found in the listings. And you're always welcome to call 1-800-RECYCLE during business hours.

**Call 1-800-RECYCLE**

## What you can do for us

We are here to help connect the public to recycling opportunities. We want to make it easier for people to recycle rather than dispose of their waste materials. If you offer a recycling service, our pursuit of this goal could bring you customers.

You can provide us with accurate information about the recycling services you offer, what materials you handle, your business hours and location, and/or where in the state you will travel to pick up materials.

Once you are listed with us, could you please let us know if there is any significant change in your services?

If someone contacts you trying to recycle a material that you don't handle, please feel free to suggest our number.

## Disclaimer

Ecology does not endorse any of the companies or guarantee the quality of the service provided. This database is not necessarily complete, and there may be other companies qualified to offer these services in addition to those listed

## Special Accommodations

The Department of Ecology is an equal opportunity agency.

If you have special accommodation needs or require this document in an alternative format, please contact Michelle Payne at 360-407-6129 (voice), 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY) or [mdav461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:mdav461@ecy.wa.gov)

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